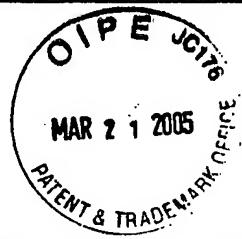




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the reply filed on 12.30.04 because of the following matter(s). See 37 CFR 1.111 and 37 CFR 1.135.

FEE(S) DUE

1. The reply (e.g., amendment) is considered incomplete in that the funds in Deposit Account No. _____ are insufficient to cover the entire fee due. The balance* is due within the time period set below.

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3. The reply (e.g., amendment) has not been entered, since applicant has failed to remit (or authorize charge to a Deposit Account or Credit Card) the fee as indicated on the attached Patent Application Fee Determination Record. Remittance or authorization is due within the time period set below.

4. The filing fee of \$ _____ submitted in this application is insufficient. A balance of \$ _____ is due for presentation of excess claims (37 CFR 1.16(b) & (c)).

5. Other.

Explanation (Provide specific details of the required correction in order to assist the applicant. Indicate whether a service charge has been added to the fee due):

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Ms. Dawkins

Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE) or Clerk of Group

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